To Elizabeth Pease.

London, July 1, 1867.

Beloved Friend:

Overwhelmed with engagements as the time draws near for my leaving the city for Manchester, I have but a very few moments in which to scrawl a reply to your kind letter, just received. Excuse my taking pencil instead of pen in hand.

While I must decline attending any public meeting in Edinburgh, it will give me great pleasure to meet any in social gathering whom you and other friends may think proper to invite. In this matter, take a carte blanche as to time and place.

A public dinner is to be given in Manchester on the 4th of July. On the evening of the 5th, I am to attend a special meeting of the ladies in M. in the large Coffee Room of the Freeholders

Hotel. On Saturday I and my two children will go to Newcastle, there to remain till Tuesday morning, when a breakfast will come off. Wednesday afternoon, 10th inst. we hope and expect to be in Edinburgh. But do not, my dear friend, give yourself any concern about us. On our arrival, we can take a carriage for your residence; and having the direction, we shall need no assistance. I long to see Huntley Lodge, and you in a special manner.

I am, indeed, very happy, as you may easily believe. What a change in public sentiment on both sides of the Atlantic! You will see, by the Star, what a grand and thrilling occasion was the breakfast at St. James's Hall on Saturday. The report of my speech is, however, a good deal of a jumble.